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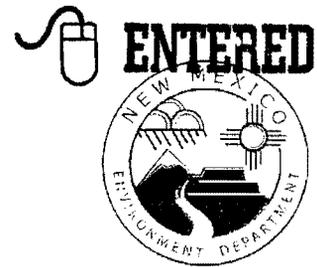
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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATION
DRILLING WORK PLAN FOR ALLUVIAL AQUIFER
WELLS WCO-1A AND WCO-3A
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
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Dear Messrs. Gregory and McInroy:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C. and U.S. Department of Energy (the Permittees) document entitled *Drilling Work Plan for Alluvial Aquifer Wells WCO-1a and WCO-3a* (Plan) dated October 29, 2009 and referenced by EP2009-0541. NMED has reviewed the Plan and hereby approves the Report with the following comment.

Future drilling work plans shall not contain direction for plugging and abandonment of wells as presented in the Plan for wells WCO-1 and WCO-3. All plugging and abandonment activities shall be preceded by a separate work plan prepared in accordance with Section X.D of the March 1, 2005 Order on Consent (Order). The Permittees must provide written notification to NMED no less than 15 days prior to the start of plugging and abandoning WCO-1 and WCO-3 in accordance with Order Section III.O. In addition, the Permittees must comply with the applicable New Mexico State Engineer Office requirements for *Well Driller Licensing; Constructing, Repair and Plugging of Wells* (19.27.4 NMAC).

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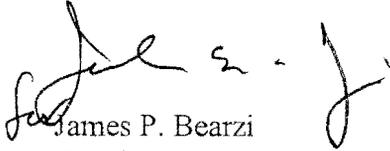
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Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Michael Dale (505) 661-2673.

Sincerely,



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